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In re Application of:

GREGORY R. DION, ET AL.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicants believe that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

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	A1	6,325,778	12/04/2001	ZADNO-AZIZI ET AL.		
	A2	6,234,996	05/22/2001	BAGAOISAN ET AL.		
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